



Kristy-Leigh Robertson

I am proud of myself for learning to sit and listen nicely. It was a goal for me and now I am much better at it. When I

listen properly I can start tasks straight away because I know the instructions.

My favourite subject is Visual Art because I like designing and making art to show in the front office.

Next year I hope to be able to show great listening all the time in my new class. It will help me learn more and stay focused.

I would like to improve my ability to speak confidently in front of others. I need to practice being clear because I get really nervous.

A goal for myself next year is to be more positive when things are tricky for me. I must be persistent and get better at lots of different things.

So far this year I have loved doing Drama because it helps me be more confident with singing and talking in front of people. I have loved being in Year 2 with Miss Brookes!

Kristy, Year 2



Channel Santillan

I am proud of myself for making sand castles at Preschool because it is fun to do. I like playing in the sand.

My favourite thing to do is play in the vet corner but I also like using the hot glue gun. When I use the hot glue gun I like to stick things on cardboard.

I would like to do more building at Preschool to practice making things not fall over. I really like playing outside. The other day I found a small spider.

Channel, Preschool



Digby McGregor

I am proud of myself for getting better in Maths because it is tricky. Maths is fun and I always try my best.

My favourite subject is PE because I love sports. Next year I hope to be better at running for Athletics Day. I hope to win!

I would like to get better at staying focused in class because it will help me to learn. I also want to read at level 22 for reading because then I can read chapter books.

In Year 2 I have loved doing PE the most because it keeps me fit!

Digby, Year 2



Ben Tiver

I am proud of myself for getting into the grand final for Basketball in PE with Miss Hinge. This means my team have a shot at winning the grand final.

My favourite subject at school is Maths. In Mrs English's class we play a times tables game called 'BANG!'. BANG! Is where you compete against another person and you are asked the same times tables question. The fastest person to then say the times table and then say BANG! Wins the round. I like to challenge people in BANG! as it helps me practice my times tables.

Next year I hope to be able to get stronger and grow a bit.

A skill I would like to develop is my listening skills. I don't really listen well when we are learning about a topic I am not interested in. Sometimes I become interested but have missed all the important information. When I'm not listening I also distract others and get reminders all the time.

A goal for myself next year it to learn algebra because it is good to learn it for many reasons.

So far this year I have loved doing PE because our class was able to do some of my favourite sports.

Ben, Year 5



PADTHAWAY PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Preparing for the future...today"

Be Respectful

Act Responsibly

Strive for Excellence

From the Principal



"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
Eleanor Roosevelt

What a wonderful End of Year Concert on Tuesday! All students and staff should be proud of their efforts. All of the students performed well and remembered their dances. Each concert item was very well organised and demonstrated the time and effort the students and staff have put into preparing for the concert. It was fantastic to see such a large crowd from both the school and wider community attend the night. I am so proud of how well everyone sang and danced!

Thank you to everyone who helped make the night a success. The School greatly appreciates the kindness of those who offered their assistance to help make the night run smoothly. Whether this was transporting students, choreographing dance moves or helping with costumes, we always appreciate your help. Thank you very much. Congratulations also to those who won awards at our concert in 2018.

Year 7s

Congratulations to Logan Marshall, Hayden Longbottom, Brodie Heym, Karla McCarthy and Patrick Fraser for completing their Primary School education. I wish them all the very best next year as they begin Year 8 and High School. I know they will take with them the knowledge that this School values the contribution each of them has made to the positive culture of the School. In the words of Dr Seuss, *"You're off to great places. Today is your day. Your mountain is waiting, so get on your way! You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose."*

For the Fraser and McCarthy families this chapter of connection with our School is now complete. However, you must know you are always welcome to visit the school.

Governing Council

Thank you to Sam Ward and the Governing Council members for their work this year. The Governing Council AGM is on Monday 11th February 2018. All members of the community are welcome to attend. The Governing Council is also looking for members for 2019. Please contact Sam Ward to find out more about joining the Governing Council.

Farewell to Staff

The end of 2018 will see us farewell 3 of our current staff members. Pam Steer has decided to retire at the end of 2018 after spending time on long service leave. Pam has worked at Padthaway for 11 years, beginning as a permanent teacher in 2008. Through the 11 years Pam worked in the Upper and Middle Primary classes teaching many siblings or cousins of current students. We wish Pam all the best in her retirement and hope she enjoys spending more time with her family. Thank you for your dedicated service to Padthaway School and Community.

Padthaway will also say goodbye to Stephen Edwards in his role as Pastoral Care Worker (PCW). Mr Eddy, lovingly referred to this way by the students (and adults) who know him well, has decided to retire as our PCW to be able to spend more time travelling with Heather and being at home. Stephen has already offered his time on a voluntary basis in 2019 and the students are very excited to hear this! Stephen has worked at Padthaway as PCW for 14 Years. Students, staff and parents always comment about his caring and generous nature.

We will also farewell Sarah Hinge who has been with us since Term 2 as our whole site non-instructional teacher. Sarah is going to travel around Australia for part of next year. We hope she enjoys exploring our great country and visits us when she returns to the Limestone Coast.

2019 Pastoral Care Worker

It is with pleasure that I announce Lisa Graetz as the new Pastoral Care Worker for Padthaway School beginning in 2019. Lisa lives on the outskirts of Padthaway and was Pastoral Care Worker at Bordertown High School prior to having her 4 children. We welcome Lisa to Padthaway.

With this I can also confirm that the National Schools Chaplaincy Programme will continue to be funded by the Government moving into 2019. This means that Padthaway will continue to receive funding for a Pastoral Care Worker for approximately 8 hours a week. This is wonderful news!

2019

The 2019 school year begins on Tuesday 29th January. 2019 will see a continuation of the Literacy/Numeracy Hub groups. Staff will be attending training days on 7th and 8th March, 30th August and 3rd September. These days will be Student Free Days so please place them in your diary.

Next year, the school will be looking to boost student skills in writing to build transferrable skills across all curriculum areas. Staff will be trained in a concept called 'The Big Write and VCOPS'. This incorporates a weekly writing exploration for students and is part of their weekly homework through discussions with family about different topics to help generate ideas.

2019 will also see students delving deeper into reading comprehension strategies to ensure all students have the understanding and skills for reading. 2019 will see Padthaway School strive to build a love of reading in all students.

Holidays

I hope everyone has a wonderful Christmas holiday and enjoys a restful break. During this special holiday, take advantage of the opportunity you have to spend time with each other and celebrate the achievements from the year.

Olivia

Dates to Remember

2019

29 January
Begin Term 1

4th-8th February
Swimming R-Year 7

11th February
Governing Council AGM

7th March
Student Free Day

11th March
Adelaide Cup Holiday

19th March
World Of Maths Incursion

20th March
Young Leaders Day

Tuck Day

29th January (Week 1)
Pies, Pasties and Sausage Rolls
Helper

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Muffins—Rebecca Weller

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What Have We Been Up To In Preschool?

The Preschool children have enjoyed their transition visits, and are finally able to play in the “big” playground!

We have been working on a variety of Christmas projects including coloured salt bottles, collage paintings, present making, tree decorating and cooking and painting salt dough. We loved learning our dances for the concert and had a great time performing on Tuesday night.

Libby, Preschool Teacher



School Reports

School reports will be available Week 9. Teachers have been busy preparing these reports throughout the term and ensure that these reports are an accurate depiction of your child/ren.

When you receive your child’s report, take time to read these with your child.

Olivia

Concert

I was really excited about singing for Concert because it made me happy to sing. All the Classes did lots of practices to make sure the night went well. We didn’t see the other Classes practise but we heard their songs so watching them on the night was great fun!

I loved watching everyone do their best at Concert. My favourite part of our Class song is when we sang *What is wrong with me?* because we sang it really loudly and everyone heard us at Concert. The R/1/2 Class performed *Moana* songs and I really liked the movie. It was an exciting Concert. Well done everyone who performed!

Alice, Reception

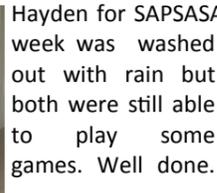
Year 7 Goodbye

Unfortunately, as the year comes to an end, so does our time at Padthaway Primary. This year our class say their goodbyes to Patrick Fraser, Hayden Longbottom, Logan Marshall, Brodie Heym and Karla McCarthy. In our last week of school, we have been doing lots of fun activities with Mr Eddy, who will also be leaving at the end of the year, including board games and eating ice-cream while the other classes are transitioning. We’ve all enjoyed cooking little gingerbread men, making cards and watching the movie *Wonder* with Mr Exton. We are sad to leave, but excited to be going to high school next year. The thing we’ll miss most is the wonderful community of Padthaway. Thank you to all who have made the past nine years great as we made our way through Preschool and Primary School.

Karla McCarthy, Year 7

SAPSASA

Well done to Kiele for SAPSASA Netball and Hayden for SAPSASA Cricket. The week was washed out with rain but both were still able to play some games. Well done.



SRC News

This year has been a fabulous year and everyone has worked together really well. This has proven by the profit of \$1,966.30. Thank you for everyone who supported us in raising this. This year the SRC have purchased a new water fountain and bike shed for 2019. I would like to mention the people who have been awarded Aussie of the month for showing our school values. Murphy Heym, Samara Robertson and Felicity Orton. Good job and keep up the excellent work. This programme will be continued in 2019. We did very well to achieve all of our goals which were to improve our class meetings and show better sportsmanship. We made these goals to make people have happier playtimes and to make sure everyone has a say. Finally I hope that everyone has a Merry Christmas full of joy and laughter. Thankyou.

Kiele, President



Choir News

This year we have had a great year in choir. Everyone participated in a concert throughout the year and Matilda Rothe got a solo for Dare to be Square in Mt Gambier.

Thank you choir members for a fantastic year and well done to everyone from Tuesday’s performance.

Amelia, Year 6

This is Me!

This year for concert the 3/4 class performed a dance. The dance was called This is Me from The Greatest Showman. We spent all of Term 4 learning our dance moves. All of the students in the class came up with the different dance moves and we all put them together. We wore masks that made us warriors.

The song that we danced to had a message. The message was that it is good to be yourself and be proud of who you are.

We really liked performing because it was fun and because we knew the moves it was easy.

The whole class were really good at their dancing. Miss Edwards was really happy for us and she thought we were amazing.

Matthew, Year 3 and Will, Year 4.



PCW Spot

Quite some time ago I made a choice that I have never once regretted, and that was to apply for a new position as Chaplain at Padthaway Primary School. At the start of this year I made the decision to step down from that role to spend more time with Heather and our children and grandchildren, along with other family. I am going to miss the interaction with students, staff and parents; it’s been a huge part of my life and I just love being here but I know the timing is right.

How did I come to be here? Over 20 years ago I had an epiphany (a revelation) which changed my life. This led to study at the Adelaide College of Divinity gaining a Certificate II in Ministry, along with much later, a Certificate IV in Pastoral Care. During that time I completed a “Period of Discernment” with the Uniting Church which I was sure would lead to being a part time minister in a rural church. I still wanted to stay farming but—a wise prophet in the Old Testament said, “For I know the plans I have for you said the Lord.”

That became Padthaway Primary and I soon realised that this is where I should be. Some know that I am an avid Monty Python fan; one of my all-time favourite movies is *Life of Brian*. This film shocked some church people at the time but it’s because they took themselves too seriously and didn’t realise what the Python team was on about. Just recently Eric Idle, part of the Python team, was interviewed on *Conversations* on the ABC. He told of how they went about writing the movie and that they realised that they couldn’t make fun of Jesus because, well he was beyond criticism. After all, he healed the sick, cared for the poor, the stranger and the oppressed. He listened, didn’t rush to conclusions and gave of himself for others.

The good news: there is a new person, Lisa Graetz, taking up the role as Pastoral Care Worker; welcome Lisa into the school as you have me and perhaps ask about her epiphany!

To finish—it was my dream to quote my favourite Bible verses to the School when I started 14 years ago. I still haven’t but it starts, “Do you not know, have you not heard” and a bit further on says, “They will soar on wings like eagles.” Isaiah 40: 28-31. May you soar on eagles’ wings in your life. Cheers and Christmas blessings.

Stephen aka Mr Eddy

Aussie of the Month

The Aussie of the Month for November is Felicity Orton. This student was voted by SRC as she is always kind and considerate of others. She helps others when they are in trouble and with their learning in the classroom. She is compassionate when others need support. Congratulations, Felicity.



Hello from Lisa

Hi, my name is Lisa Graetz and I will be the new Pastoral Care Worker beginning in 2019.

I live on a sheep farm on the outskirts of Padthaway with my husband Tim and four children. I have studied youth and community work, theology and counselling and have previously worked as a chaplain in other schools.

I love going camping, cooking and relaxing with a good book.

I am really looking forward to getting to know the students and families at Padthaway School!

Lisa



Community News

Padthaway Playgroup

Playgroup is held on Friday of the odd weeks of term from 10—11.30 am. Playgroup is held during the Preschool session and allows greater social opportunities for children. Next Playgroup date will be announced next year.

Keppoch Christmas Show

The Keppoch Christmas Show will be held on Sunday 16th December from 5.00 pm at the Keppoch Hall. A barbecue dinner will be available. Please bring your own refreshments. Contact Lissy Orton, phone 0407 610 564, for more details.

Farewell Glenda

Thank you Glenda Fretwell, who has been cleaning at the school for the last few years. Glenda is moving on to another opportunity.

Kathy Leddy will be taking on the role from January 2019 and has been the cleaner at Padthaway School before. We welcome Kathy back to the school and hope Glenda enjoys her next journey in life.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone you helped by donating food, setting up or packing up for Mr Eddy’s Morning Tea. We really appreciate everyone’s continual support of the school. Everyone has been extremely generous.

